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The Eighth Annual Encampment of the Massachusetts Division, Sons of Veterans, U. S. A., opened in due form in Town Hall, at 8 P. M., Col. Purbeck in the chair.

Roll called: Officers absent, Inspector Darling, Surgeon Souther.

The following were appointed Committee on Credentials: Adj. Fred M. Page, Salem; Bro. Daniel F. Goulding, Somerville; Capt. Wm. M. Ferris, Newton; Bro. H. B. Annable, Charlestown, and Past Capt. D. W. Colburn, Fitchburg.

Committee on Credentials reported 156 delegates present and entitled to vote. At roll call, eight delegates absent.

The following committees were appointed by Col. Purbeck.

ON DISTRIBUTION OF WORK.—H. S. Crossman, Springfield; C. H. Hillman, Somerville; F. H. Harriman, North Adams; Fred B. Plummer, Taunton; W. A. White, Marblehead.

ON RESOLUTIONS.—Chas. F. Sargent, Lawrence; G. H. Powell, Canton; C. F. Cook, Whitman; F. L. Daniels, Malden; Brother Schofield, Ipswich.

ON CONSTITUTION, RULES AND REGULATIONS.—J. B. Maccabe, East Boston; J. S. Cuzner, Middleboro; W. A. Cook, Attleboro; Chas. L Dickinson, North Brookfield; H. S. Thompson, Chelsea.

ON RITUAL.—A. C. Blaisdell, Lowell; Frank Robinson, Gloucester; E. G. Priest, South Boston; A. G. Pattison, Webster; A. G. Jewett, Ipswich.

On Reports of Officers.—J. C. Cutter, Warren; G. S. Wentworth, Canton; R. B. Howard, Gardner; Geo. J. Porter, Malden; Thomas McAlpine, North Attleboro.

Press Committee.—C. D. Rooney, Medford; W. M. Marden, Weymouth.

The following reports of officers were read: Colonel Purbeck, Adjutant Page, Quartermaster Batchelder, Inspector Darling, Chaplain Lyon, Surgeon Souther, Mustering Officer Nott, Division Council.

COLONEL'S REPORT.

To the officers and members of the Eighth Annual Encampment of the Massachusetts Division Sons of Veterans, U. S. A.

Gardner, Mass., June 3, 1890.

One year ago I was elevated by your suffrages to the highest honor within your province to bestow, the command of this Division; and now at the close of my term, when the responsibility devolves again upon you of designating my successor, and upon me of relinquishing the sacred trust, I beg leave to submit an account of my stewardship, and a report of the transactions of the closing year.

To those only who have worn the mantle, and have realized the grave and onerous responsibilities incident to a faithful discharge of its obligations, can the importance of the office of Colonel of Division be rightly understood.

While I enjoy the consciousness of having endeavored to do my whole duty, and of contributing my best efforts and energies to promote the welfare of our order, if I have failed in any particular to measure up fully to the expectations of my brothers let it be ascribed to my lack of ability rather than to any want of earnestness on my part.

To increase the membership, influence and usefulness of the Mass. Division of Sons of Veterans has been my highest aspiration, from the day I assumed the solemn obligation of our order until the present time, and I shall retire from the

command of this Division and return to the rank and file, imbued with the same lofty ambition to promote its best interests that I have ever felt and manifested, and shall continue while I live.

At the outset of my administration I was strongly impressed with the idea, that although this Division was constantly gaining in numerical strength taking into consideration the number of posts and veterans of the G. A. R. in the department of Mass., our order was yet proportionately far too small, and that to the good efforts of my predecessors much more earnest and vigorous work was necessary to further advance this Division.

In reviewing the report of my predecessors as the basis upon which the incoming Colonel must formulate his plans for the further advancement of the Division, I was confronted almost on the threshold of my administration with the very unpleasant information that of the one hundred camps shown to be in good standing and flourishing condition there were eleven camps in danger of dissolution, some of which had decided to disband, and so officially notified me, while others of them had actually voted to surrender their charters. This naturally occasioned me no little concern, until I had visited those camps in person, and carried away therefrom the assurance of nine of them that they would maintain their organization (which assurance has in every instance been verified), and not until then did I feel that the Division would at least hold its advanced position during my term, if not push further to the front. The other two camps of the eleven mentioned, were dissolved for good and sufficient reasons, upon my recommendation after personal investigation.

The report of Colonel Upham at the close of his official term showed one hundred camps with a membership of 3399. I am pleased to report at this time 116 camps, all in good standing, with a membership of 4011. While two or three camps are not in as flourishing a condition as I would wish, I am not apprehensive that any of them will fail to keep their place in line.

During the year there have been no camps disbanded other than the two mentioned, and the increased membership has demonstrated the past to have been one of the most prosperous years in the history of our order in this Division.

During the past twelve months I have visited seventy-five per cent. of all the camps in the Division, the number of my visits aggregating 125, and I have met with members of every camp in this Division. This has occupied very much of my time, as you will readily understand and appreciate, and but for serious illness in my family I should—as it was my intention—have visited every camp. The absolute impossibility of my visiting more than one camp on the same evening on account of location and different nights of meeting, will give you an idea of the magnitude of the undertaking to visit them all, and at the expense which it would entail. I regret exceedingly that it was impossible for me to cover the entire ground.

G. A. R.

In the prosecution of the work devolving upon me, and in all my official and social intercourse with them, I have been aided very materially by the Grand Army. No language at my command can befittingly express my appreciation of the encouragement received at their hands. Upon every occasion the department officers of the Grand Army especially, have given me substantial evidence of their sympathy and profound regard for the welfare of our order.

WOMEN'S RELIEF CORPS.

To this most worthy organization I am indebted for many favors. They have not only allowed no opportunity to pass to say a kind word for the Sons of Veterans, but have manifested in every possible way their appreciation of our work, and have heartily co-operated with our order in relief and other matters.

QUARTERLY REPORTS.

With but few exceptions the reports of camps in this Division have been made at the proper time, and were generally correct in matter of detail, but there were, however, some

very unhappy exceptions. In a few instances it has been found almost absolutely impossible to procure a correct and reasonable report. These errors have occasioned serious annoyance to the Division officers, so serious at times that the Colonel has found it necessary to go himself, or send for them. This has involved some considerable expense. Reports should be forthcoming at the close of each quarter, else Division reports cannot be transmitted to National Headquarters. The attention of camp officers has been repeatedly called by circular letters and telegrams to such failures. Had it not been for the extreme measures resorted to in a few instances to obtain reports, this Division would have been in default, and the Colonel unable to make the announcement at this time that the only four complete consolidated reports received at the National Headquarters, were from the Division of Massachusetts during the past year. It is to be hoped that camp officers will give more attention to this important requirement in the future.

FINANCE.

The report of the Seventh Annual Encampment shows a balance on hand of $384.61, deducting therefrom the following amounts, to wit: Salaries of Adjutant and Quartermaster appropriated at previous encampment, each $50. Expenses of Division officers to Encampment, Silver Cross, etc., $64.61; total $164.61, left a balance of available funds at the commencement of the year of $220.

The expenses of the past year have been increased to the amount of $100, on account of salaries increased by action of the encampment. The increased number of official visits by the Colonel, over that of previous administrations, have not been without some additional expense, although numerous expenditures, in their connection, have been borne by himself. Notwithstanding this and the increased postage and incidental expenses, on account of enlarged number of camps, and taking into consideration also, that upwards of 5000 communications have been mailed from Division Headquarters, the balance on hand at the close of this year, bears testimony to the rigid economy exercised by the Division officers in the disbursement of Division funds.

DIVISION INSPECTION.

I feel that the words of the Division Inspector to the Inspector General will show the exact condition of Division Headquarters better than words of mine.

I have just received a copy of the report of Division Inspector Edward K. Gould to the Inspector General, Marvin E. Hall, and which I would like to read.

ROCKLAND, ME., May 27, 1890.

Brig. Gen. Marvin E. Hall, Inspector General, Sons of Veterans, U. S. A.

GENERAL:—In accordance with instructions from you of the 12th inst. I inspected the Headquarters of the Massachusetts Division, Sons of Veterans, U. S. A., Col. D. B. Purbeck commanding, on even date, and transmit herewith the tabulated result.

I was vividly impressed with the system observed in the conduct of the business of Headquarters, and especially with the zeal, energy and ability of Col. Purbeck, and his able colaborers, Adjt. Page and Quartermaster Batchelder. What with most of our Division officers seems to be an irksome necessity, to be disposed of carelessly and in the easiest possible manner, is treated as a pastime by these officers and skilfully reduced to a science, so that I believe the Massachusetts Division can support the claim of having the best conducted Division Headquarters in the Sons of Veterans.

The correspondence averages about thirty letters per day, all of which are answered within ten hours, unless requiring investigation. Each letter bears the date of receipt and reply and the name of the officer answering, and is conveniently filed for ready reference.

A brief, but comprehensive record is kept by the Adjutant of all official documents received and issuing from Headquarters; of all requisitions made on the Quartermaster, containing the number, amount and purpose, all of which can be readily referred to, also all books of record usually required at Division Headquarters.

The Quartermaster's system of accounts is a model of simplicity and good sense. Each item of money received can be easily traced to its origin by marginal numbers, referring to the Camp requisition, report or other document which constitutes the original record, and which is preserved in convenient files. The same system is observed in the items of disbursement, all of which bear the numbers of the vouchers supporting them, said vouchers being filed for easy reference.

A good stock of fresh supplies is constantly on hand, and is safely stored upon shelves in Headquarters in such a manner that Camp requisitions can be filled with dispatch.

Colonel Purbeck evidently believes that economy is best observed by the liberal use of money in judicious expenditures. By the advice of his Council he has personally visited ninety camps, and has inaugurated a system of inspection that cannot fail to be productive of most beneficial results.

The Camps of the Division are divided into nine inspection districts and the best material the Division affords is serving as assistant inspectors. Among them I noted the names of several Past Colonels of the Division, men of experience and intelligence whose services cannot fail to leave promise and prosperity to the Camps that are so fortunate as to secure them.

In the missionary work, the same intelligence and zeal is observed. Circulars bearing the official indorsement of the Commander and Assistant Adjutant General of the Department of Massachusetts, have been scattered broadcast among the Grand Army Posts, and have resulted in a marvellous growth of new Camps.

It is a fact, the significance of which gives prominence to the ability and energy of the Division officers, that not a Camp has failed to forward quarterly reports during the present term. This is rare in the history of Sons of Veterans work. It was accomplished only after the most persistent efforts, and in some cases an officer was sent to enforce the regulations in this respect.

In conclusion I desire to commend the conduct of these officers, who have not hesitated at great personal sacrifice to

accomplish the results to which I have briefly alluded. They must be thoroughly infused with the nobility of the cause they have espoused, and possess an abiding faith in the perpetuity of the organization to which they are so thoroughly identified in heart and effort. Their services cannot fail to call forth the commendation of their brothers of the Massachusetts Division, when the record shall have been laid before them.

I am, General, very respectfully, your obedient servant,

EDWARD K. GOULD,

Assistant Inspector General.

CAMP INSPECTION.

In the matter of Camp Inspection the Colonel has been of the opinion that in previous years, the great number of Assistant Inspectors assigned to this duty, has not been productive of the best results, as shown by the reports, and has occasioned considerable unfavorable comment from camp officers. Upon consultation with the Division Officers, and Inspector, it was deemed advisable to reduce the number of Assistant Inspectors to nine, for the Division, believing that the enlarged scope of their jurisdiction would necessitate their giving more thought and attention to this work. The assignment of twelve or thirteen camps, rather than two or three to each Assistant Inspector would actually suggest to his mind, the advisability of being more perfect in his knowledge of the work, and more thorough in the execution of details.

The excellent and complete reports recently submitted by the Assistant Inspectors have demonstrated the wisdom of the change.

This very commendable showing is largely due to the painstaking efforts of the Division Inspector, Charles K. Darling, who has been untiring in his endeavors to have the Inspections complete in every particular.

OFFICERS.

While I feel a just pride in the marked improvement, increased members, and efficiency of this Division, I do not wish to attribute this very happy state of affairs to my own individual efforts, which would have been barren of results, without the hearty and earnest co-operation, and the invaluable advise and support of the Division Council. Lt. Col. W. A. Stevens and Major L. C. Couch have been sincere in their efforts and in thorough harmony with my own ideas as to what was necessary to promote the best interests of our order.

To Adj. Fred M. Page I am especially indebted for the promptness and faithfulness with which he has discharged the manifold duties incumbent upon him. Always at his post, and with a head well stored with useful knowledge pertaining to the order, courteous in his bearing towards all who have come in contact with him, my highest expectations were more than realized in his appointment to that office. His reports and records are models of neatness and perfection. Every communication received at Division Headquarters, which required a response, commanded his immediate attention.

Quartermaster A. W. Batchelder has proven a very painstaking and zealous officer, and has been prompt and thorough in the discharge of his duties. His reports and requisitions evince a thorough knowledge of his duties, and demonstrate the wisdom of my appointment of him to that responsible office.

To my Chief of Staff, Daniel F. Goulding, I am indebted more than words can express; never failing to respond to any call made upon him, at whatever time, he has accompanied me on many of my official visits, and has given much of his valuable time and means to enhance the welfare of our order.

To Chaplain John M. Lyon, Inspector Chas. K. Darling, Mustering Officer L. H. Nott, Judge Advocate Willard Howland, and Surgeon W. T. Souther, M. D., the hearty co-operation of whom I have enjoyed, no words of praise that I could express would give sufficient emphasis to my appreciation of the manner in which they have administered the duties of their respective positions. I desire to return my sincere thanks to them, and to all my brothers who have aided me in advancing the picket line of our order. In my memory they will survive all the barriers of time.

The Colonel would present the following recommendations for the consideration of the Encampment:

That the ninth annual convention be held in May, 1890;

That all Division Encampments be held in Boston;

That the delegates to the National Encampment be instructed to use their efforts to do away with Surgeons' reports;

That Camp No. 106, Charlestown, be allowed to use the name of Abraham Lincoln;

That the per capita tax remain at 12½ cents per quarter for the ensuing year;

That an extra tax of 12½ cents per member be levied to help defray expenses of the parade in August.

That a special committee be appointed to investigate the merits of the S. of V. Benefit Association at Lowell.

Respectfully submitted in Friendship, Charity and Loyalty,

DUDLEY B. PURBECK, *Colonel.*

ADJUTANT'S REPORT.

SALEM, MASS., June 3, 1890.

Col. D. B. Purbeck, Commanding Mass. Division, S. of V. U. S. A:

COLONEL:—It is with pleasure I herewith submit my report for the year ending June 4, 1890.

There was upon my appointment to the position of Adjutant, in good standing 100 Camps, 3399 members.

CAMPS AND MEMBERS.

The gains to June 4, 1890, have been

	Camps.	Members.
By organization and muster in,	18	1375
By transfer,		154
By reinstatement,		341
Aggregate,	118	5269

The losses have been

	Camps.	Members.		
By disbandment of Camps,	2	41		
By death,		22		
By honorable discharge,		115		
By transfer,		111		
By suspended,		967		
By dishonorable discharge,		2	2	1258
No. in good standing at present time,			116	4011

Making a net gain since last Encampment of 16 Camps and 612 members.

The Camps disbanded are E. P. Nettleton Camp No. 27, Chicopee, and Gen. John A. Logan Camp No. 61, of Coleraine.

There have been issued from Division Headquarters the past year eleven general orders, ninety-seven special orders, six circulars, one hundred and twenty-seven dispensations, and rising five thousand two hundred communications received and answered.

I have received and turned over to Quartermaster Batchelder per capita tax amounting to $1802.72, and have drawn requisitions amounting to $2425.86.

It is but fitting that I should take this opportunity to express my sincere thanks to Sergeant Major Manning for his very able assistance during the past year which has been of more value than words at this time can express, and to many other brothers for aid kindly rendered.

I also desire to thank the many brothers throughout the Division whom I have met and with whom I have had official business for the many kindnesses shown during the past year.

Respectfully in F., C. and L.,

FRED M. PAGE, *Adjutant.*

QUARTERMASTER'S REPORT.

SALEM, MASS., June 3, 1890.

Fred M. Page, Adjutant Mass. Division, Sons of Veterans, U. S. A.

BROTHER:—I have the honor to present the report of the Division Quartermaster's Department, for the year ending June 3, 1890.

Total amount of cash received,	$2668.89
Total amount of cash paid as per vouchers,	2438.30
Balance on hand,	$230.59

The receipts are as follows:

Cash received June 5, 1889,	$384.61
For supplies,	288.55
From per capita tax,	1802.72
For Charter fees,	180.00
From all other sources,	13.01
Total receipts,	$2668.89

There has been expended:

Expenses of Div. Encampment at Lynn, June 5, 1889,	$55.61
Salaries voted by Lynn Enc. to retiring officers,	100.00
Silver Cross voted at Lynn Enc. to Col. Upham,	9.00
Printing 350 copies "Proceedings Lynn Enc.,"	50.00
Belts for Div. officers (vote of Div. Council),	21.00
Expense of delegates to Com.-in-Chief at Paterson,	170.55
Paid Q. M. Gen'l, per capita tax,	582.16
" " " " for supplies,	253.00
" " " " " Charter fees,	36.00
" Maj. A. P. Davis, for supplies,	30.98
" for supplies from other sources,	3.00
" " printing,	134.46
" " postage,	243.08
" " stationery and office supplies,	37.72
" " telephone and telegraph service,	30.40

Paid for expressing,	8.87
" " sundry accounts,	42.64
" " travelling expenses of Div. Colonel,	109.37
" " expenses of Div. officers,	116.85
" " " " Aides,	115.86
" E. K. Gould, Asst. Ins. Gen., for inspecting Division,	9.75
Paid salaries Adjutant and Quartermaster,	200.00
" office rent,	78.00
Total expended,	$2438.30

The item sundries includes office furnishings and Division property purchased for permanent use.

The number of requisitions filled by this department is 328. This does not include Camp packages, requisitions for Past Captains, Iron Crosses endorsed and forwarded to Maj. Davis, to be forwarded direct, or requisitions for badges and ribbons which were also remailed to Maj. Davis and filled by him. The total number of requisitions received by this department and filled or forwarded would reach at least 500.

Value of supplies on hand is $40.00.

Value of Division property is $100.00.

I desire to publicly express my thanks to Qm. Sergt. A. I. Pepper, Special Aide H. A. Henfield and other members of Camp 8, for their ready assistance at all times, and to the brothers at large for their uniform courtesy and forbearance for slight delay at times caused by non-arrival of supplies from Com.-in-Chief.

All of which is respectfully submitted,

A. W. BATCHELDER, *Quartermaster.*

MUSTERING OFFICER'S REPORT.

LYNN, MASS., June 3, 1890.

Fred M. Page, Adjutant of Mass. Division, S. of V., U. S. A.

SIR AND BROTHER:—I have the honor to submit the follow-

ing report of the Camps mustered during the term ending June 3, 1890.

CAMP.	MUSTERED.	CHARTER MEMBERS.	MUSTERED BY
102, Watertown.	July 12-89	26	W. A. Delano.
103, E. Mansfield.	Aug. 13-"	17	G. E. Hunt.
104, Lancester.	Oct. 26-"	16	C. K. Darling.
105, So. Bridgewater.	Nov. 19-"	14	R. G. West.
106, Charlestown.	Dec. 30-"	42	D. B. Purbeck.
61, E. Bridgewater.	Feb. 13-90	23	C. F. Cook.
27, Quincy.	" 18-"	27	L. H. Nott.
107, Georgetown.	Mar. 20-"	16	J. P. H. Kimball.
108, Pittsfield.	" 28-"	26	J. A. Paro.
109, Needham.	April 3-"	22	L. H. Nott.
110, Dalton.	" 9-"	24	D. M. Peck.
111, Andover.	" 18-"	23	L. H. Nott.
113, East Pepperell.	" 29-"	21	G. A. Woodworth.
112, West Acton.	May 2-"	20	W. L. Walcott.
34, Wakefield.	" 10-"	23	L. H. Nott.
114, Boston.	" 19-"	23	" " "
115, No. Andover.	" 24-"	16	J. P. H. Kimball.
116, No. Hanson.	" 28-"	23	C. F. Cook.

Total charter Members, 402
Total number camps, 18

There are Camps all ready to be mustered at Hanover, Plymouth, West Medway and Monson.

Respectfully submitted in F., C. & L.

L. H. Nott, *Mustering Officer.*

INSPECTOR'S REPORT.

Inspector's Office,
Fitchburg, Mass., June 3, 1890.

Colonel Dudley B. Purbeck, Commanding Mass. Division, S. of V., U. S. A.

Dear Sir and Brother:—Submitting herewith a copy of

the Consolidated report of the inspection of Camps of this division, I have the honor to call your attention to the most important facts deduced from the same and to render a general report of the work done by this department during the last official year.

As in previous years, the complete organization of the Inspection Department was not effected until just prior to the time of beginning the annual inspections; differing, however, from previous organizations in limiting the number of assistant inspectors to eight, to which number were later added two acting assistant inspectors, to be called upon in cases of emergency, the necessity of whose appointment became manifest as the work progressed.

Under General Orders No. 3, current series, assigning inspectors to duty and naming dates of inspection, the work was taken up on April 15th by each of the officers detailed, and although arranged so as to close May 9th, and nearly all the Camps having been inspected upon the dates originally set, yet unforeseen and, in most cases, unavoidable complications and accidents delayed the completion until May 27th. It is, however, with satisfaction that I am permitted to report the inspection of the entire division of 105 Camps, a result never before accomplished in a division of equal size, and by comparatively few divisions in the order at large.

Taking up the questions of the inspection blank in order, it should be borne in mind that in computing results two units are used. To distinguish between them, the term percentage is used with reference to the number of Camps answering yes or no compared with the 105 Camps inspected, while the term average as applied to the first twenty questions refers to the marking on a scale of 5.

No. 1. Forty-eight captains have committed ritualistic work to memory; forty-two have the work partially committed while fifteen use the ritual altogether. Per cent. 45.7, last year 50, loss 4.3. Average 3.54, last year 3.29, gain .25.

No. 2. In fifty-four camps the lieutenants and chaplains do not use the ritual; in forty-five one or more of these officers have not memorized the work, while in six Camps all

three read from the ritual. Per cent. 51.4, last year 54.3, loss 2.9. Average 3.93, last year 3.70, gain .23.

No. 3. Forty sergeants of the guard do perfect ritualistic work. Forty-seven, though attempting, fail; eighteen make no attempt and were rated accordingly. Per cent. 38, last year 36, gain 2. Average 3.33, last year 3.08, gain .25.

No. 4. The officers are regular in attendance in thirty-four camps. Part of the officers attend regularly in seventy-one camps. Per cent. 32.3, last year 44.5, loss 12.2. Average 4.08, last year 4.12, loss .04.

No. 5. In no camp in the division was the attendance of members sufficiently regular to warrant, under the strict interpretation placed upon the question, a perfect rating. Part of the members regular in attendance, is reported in 105 Camps. Average 2.62, last year 2.99, loss .37.

No. 6. Complete and well kept records were found in seventy Camps; while in thirty-two the records were not complete and in three the word would not apply. Per cent. 66.6, last year 58.7, gain 7.9. Average 4.33, last year 4.10, gain .23.

No. 7. The dues are promptly collected in fifty-one camps; part of them promptly collected in fifty. In four camps the rating of zero was given. Per cent. 48.5, last year 66.3, loss 17.8. Average 4.14, last year 4.23, loss .09.

No. 8. In eighty-five Camps, the quartermaster sergeant's bond is on file. Average 4.05, last year 4.10, loss .05.

No. 9. The officers of ninety-three Camps are uniformed; in nine camps partly uniformed; in three camps no uniforms are worn. Per cent. 88.5, last year 82 6, gain 5.9. Average 4.78. last year 4.46, gain .32.

No. 10. In eighty-seven camps, officers wear rank straps; in eleven, part, and in seven, none are provided with them. Per cent. 82.8, last year 75, gain 7.8. Average 4.47, last year 4 30, gain .17.

No. 11. Officers wear side arms in ninety camps, part in four, and none in eleven. Per cent. 85.7, last year 4.27, gain .12.

No. 12. Members of the staff are provided with the proper chevrons in seventy-two camps; part in seventeen; while in sixteen no chevrons are worn. Per cent. 68.5, last year 43.5, gain 25. Average 4.02, last year 3.42, gain .6.

No. 13. In fifty-four camps all the members are uniformed; in fifty, part; and in one (a new camp) no uniforms are worn. Average 4.18, last year 4.07, gain .11. The total number of uniformed members was found to be 3271, a gain of 603 over last year.

No. 14. The badge is presented to recruits in one hundred and three camps. Two camps do not present the badge—the same number as last year, but it is worthy of note that the numbers of the camps are not the same. Average 4.90.

No. 15. General orders are read and filed in ninety-five camps; in one camp they are neither read nor filed, while fractional marking was given to nine. Per cent. 90.4, last year 90.2, gain .2 Average 4.81, last year 4.71, gain .1.

No. 16. Seventy-four camp rooms are properly equipped; twenty-eight partially and three are not. Per cent. 70.4, last year 60.9, gain 9.5. Average 4.50, last year 4.22, gain .28.

No. 17. Reports and dues 100 per cent. and average of 5, the same as last year.

No. 18. Thirty-nine camps have omitted in the aggregate 176 meetings, 45 less than last year. Average 4.44, last year 4.13, gain .31.

No. 19. Ninety-nine Camps have no indebtedness. Per cent. 94.2, last year 92.4, gain 1.8. Average 4.76, last year 4.63, gain 13.

No. 20. Three thousand seven hundred and eighty-two members are reported as having membership badges. Average 4.97, last year 4.92, gain .5.

No. 21. One hundred and five camps have in good standing three thousand seven hundred and ninety-three members, a gain of thirteen camps and six hundred and thirty-four members over last year's report. Average camp in the division 36.1, a gain of 1.8.

No. 22. Three hundred and eighty-five members were dropped during the year, one hundred and seven more than last year.

No. 23. Twelve hundred and fifteen is reported as the in-

crease by muster and transfer card, one hundred and seventy-eight more than last year.

No. 24. Value of camp property $19,811.17, an average of one hundred and eighty-eight dollars and sixty-seven cents (188.67). A gain of five thousand nine hundred and fifty-seven dollars and seventy-two cents (5957.72) over last year's valuation, and of thirty-eight dollars and nine cents (38.09) over last year's average.

No. 25. In general camp funds over all indebtedness five thousand two hundred and sixty-three dollars and sixty-eight cents (5263.68) a gain of four hundred and thirty-three dollars and sixty-seven cents over last year. Average camp treasury fifty dollars and thirteen cents; Lieut. William Palmer Camp No. 4, of Randolph, with $274.80 having the largest camp fund.

No. 26. Sixty-three camps have in the aggregate $6033.57 in relief funds, a gain of $3309.22 over last year, J. Franklin Dyer Camp No. 24, of Gloucester, standing first with $2000.00.

No. 27. Average annual dues $3.07, last year $2.96.

No. 28. Average muster fee $2.06, last year $2.07. Two camps violate the Rules and Regulations of the order by charging less than the minimum of one dollar and fifty cents.

No. 29. One hundred and ten special meetings have been held since last inspection, sixty-six less than the number of regular meetings omitted.

No. 30. Thirty-eight camps engage regularly in military drill.

No. 31. One hundred and twenty-two members have been relieved, twenty-three more than last year.

No. 32. There has been expended for charity fifteen hundred and thirty-nine dollars and fifty cents ($1539.50), an average for each camp of fourteen dollars and sixty-six cents (14.66), $218.57 more than last year.

No. 33. There are eight Ladies' Aid societies reported, a gain of three.

No. 34. Local posts of the Grand Army of the Republic attend the meetings and assist and encourage the members of seventy-nine camps. Of the remaining twenty-six, seventeen

are not often visited and nine report no encouragement or assistance. Per cent. "Yes" 75.2, "No" 8.5, last year 75 and 18.5, showing a slight gain.

No. 35. Ninety-nine camps hold entertainments and camp fires, a gain in percentage of 2.9 over last report.

No. 36. Nine camps are equipped as infantry, one as cavalry.

No. 37. Two hundred and seventy-nine members attended the last Division Encampment, a gain of sixty-four over the preceding encampment.

No. 38. Eight hundred and twenty-two members are armed and equipped, a gain of two hundred and fifty-one.

No. 39. The average cost of inspection was $2.38, sixty-one cents ($.61) more than last year.

No. 40. The official organ of the order is taken by twenty-seven camps. Per cent. 25.7, last year 62, a decided decrease.

The following table exhibits the number of points lost on each question :

No. 1,	153
2,	112
3,	175
4,	97
5,	250
6,	70
7,	90
8,	100
9,	23
10,	56
11,	64
12,	103
13,	86
14,	10
15,	20
16,	53
17,	0
18,	59
19,	25
20,	3
	1549

Total marking of camps 8951 out of a possible 10,500. Average marking 85.24, a gain of 2.2 over last inspection. Eighty-six camps whose markings are 75 or above, are rated in the first class, while the remaining nineteen camps whose markings are 50 and above and less than 75 are rated in the second class.

The following table shows the marking of each camp in the division :

NO.	NAME.	PER CT.	NO.	NAME.	PER CT.
8	Lt. Col. Henry Merritt	97	17	Gen. James A. Garfield	68
54	Gen. S. C. Lawrence	97	7	John B. Hanson	67
63	B. A. Bridges	97	68	Capt. H. A. Hubbard	64
67	Gen. George G. Meade	97	29	Gen. G. H. Thomas	63
80	George H. Patch	97	1	Lt. Col. Chas. R. Mudge	95
11	Gen. G. A. Custer	96	5	Maj. A. A. Powers	95
24	J Franklin Dyer	96	31	Admiral Winslow	95
26	Gen. D. N. Couch	96	53	Gen. Sheridan	95
43	E. H. Hartshorn	96	59	Gen. James G. Foster	95
47	Col. Fletcher Webster	96	87	Lt. Charles B. Warner	95
50	Howard A Wheeler	96	4	Lt. William Palmer	94
72	Charles S. Meade	96	36	James L. Bates	94
79	William Francis Barry	96	52	E. A. Bennett	94
81	Theodore Winthrop	96	62	Gen. A. P. Martin	94
93	John Palmer	96	73	Gen. Joe Hooker	94
96	John F. Andrew	96	12	Albert Prince	93
100	J. Wiley Edmands	96	22	Maj. T. B. Griffith	93
101	Cyrus K. Miller	96	23	Gen. J. F. Reynolds	93
106	Warren	96	15	L. A. Tifft	92
28	Clark S. Simonds	92	19	Lt. A. L. Fuller	92
41	Gen. N. P. Banks	92	6	John Low	89
48	George S. Bliss	92	40	Gen. John Sedgwick	89
56	Solomon S. Sleeper	92	10	J. Kendall Jenness	88
69	Charles C. Clark	92	33	Col. Ezra J. Trull	88
76	Lt. Frank L. Stone	92	64	Luther Hill	88
88	Charles E. Bates	92	32	Gen. W. S. Hancock	87
90	Richard Borden	92	38	Col. E. E. Ellsworth	87
14	Jonas C. Wellington	91	42	William G. Scanlan	86
65	Gen. W. T. Sherman	91	3	Capt. Richard Phillips	85
77	E. R. Bosworth	91	102	Arthur B. Fuller	85
78	Farragut	91	73	Gen. Joe Hooker	85
94	F. C. Curtis	91	75	Gen. Stephen M. Weld	84
9	Lincoln	90	2	Gen. A. A Goodell	83
35	John A. Hawes	90	13	John A. Andrew	83
51	Calvin Cutter	90	37	Charles Sumner	83
70	Gen. Charles Devens	90	49	Henry Wilson	78
86	Capt. J. H. Dike	90	30	Lt. Nathaniel Bowditch	77
98	Dahlgren	90	99	H. S. Greenleaf	76
18	A. A. Sherman	82	105	Roanoke	75
57	Gen. John M. Corse	82	21	Col. L. D. Sargent	74
89	Joel D. Dudley	82	27	E. P. Nettleton	74
92	John P. Lowell	82	46	Pliny Wood	74
95	Warren A. Cudworth	82	39	Nelson D. White	72
97	Lieut. Col. Wilder Dwight	82	61	Gen. John A. Logan	72
103	Nelson Gardner	82	44	Gen. William F. Draper	71
82	William C. Carney	81	58	J. H. Bonney	71
84	John Smith	81	60	Gen. George B. McClellan	71
16	Henry B. Leighton	80	45	Charles V. Marsh	56
20	Gen. U. S. Grant	80	71	Joseph H. Proctor	56
66	Corporal Charles D. Force	80	25	William A. Andrews	55
83	Henry C. Holbrook	79	104	G. L. Thurston	55
85	Col. Nathaniel Shatswell	79	55	Col. George D. Wells	53
91	S. B. Bond	69			

To the following brothers who served as assistant inspectors, this division is indebted for faithful and earnest work, performed at no inconsiderable loss of time and money, but adding to the laurels already won by years of labor for the upbuilding of our order, and giving abundant proof that we do not lack willing and able hands to perform these arduous and ofttimes thankless duties: Colonel D. B. Purbeck, Lieut. Col. William A. Stevens, Maj. L. C. Couch, Past. Col. N. C. Upham, Past. Col. H. S. Crossman, Brothers Daniel F. Goulding, Henry S. Lyons and A. A. Upton.

Brothers David W. Colburn and Frank L. Powers, acting assistant inspectors, were called upon frequently and performed their work in a prompt and satisfactory manner. Brother Daniel F. Sullivan of Camp 28, also rendered valuable services in the consolidation of reports.

While the method of inspection adopted this year has been conducive of added expense to the camps, I am thoroughly convinced that it is more than counterbalanced by the uniformity of the results.

It is not my province to recommend in matters over which a division commander has full power, but I would suggest, in view of the rapid growth of the division, the advisability of organizing this department early in the year and adding to its duties the conducting of exemplifications and a general oversight of the work performed by camps of the division.

Protests against ratings have been received from several camps, and have been given due consideration, and in a few cases changes have been made. In this connection it may be said that while a spirit of rivalry among the camps is in every way commendable, they should not forget that there are sought by inspection, facts of more importance than mere percentages.

I am greatly indebted to the colonel commanding for his hearty co-operation and support; to the assistant inspectors for their promptness and efficiency, and to a great number of brothers throughout the division for many acts of kindness and courtesy.

Respectfully submitted in F., C. & L.,

CHAS. K. DARLING, *Inspector.*

CHAPLAIN'S REPORT.

NORTH ABINGTON, June 3, 1890.

Fred M. Page, Adjutant Mass. Div., S. of V., U. S. A.

I herewith submit the consolidated report of the showing of the several camps on Memorial Day.

I have received reports from all camps, excepting No. 3, 4, 5, 10, 15, 16, 17, 19, 20, 22, 29, 30, 42, 46, 51, 57, 62, 66, 74, 75, 83, 84, 85, 89, 93, 99, 100, 105, 107, 112, 113, 114.

Number of Camps reporting,	78
" " Brothers in line,	2238
" " " " uniform,	2145
" " " armed,	416
" " " attending Sunday service,	1525
" " Camps furnishing Firing Squad,	1
" " " where addresses were delivered by a S. of V.,	8

Respectfully submitted in F., C. and L.,

JOHN M. LYON, *Chaplain.*

SURGEON'S REPORT.

WORCESTER, June 3, 1890.

Fred M. Page, Adj. Mass. Div., S. of V.

I herewith submit the following consolidated report of the Division Surgeon:

1.	No. members mustered,	4522
2.	No. in good standing,	3456
3.	No. in State Militia,	322
4.	No. in U. S. Army,	24
5.	No. in U. S. Navy,	17
6.	No. of deaths within one year,	15
7.	No. cases of sickness,	197
8.	No. of injuries,	91
9.	Total No. of weeks sickness of all members,	591
10.	No. of members able to bear arms,	3197
11.	No. of members over 45 years of age,	42
12.	Age of oldest member,	58

13.	Average age of all members,	24
14.	No. of unmarried members,	2192
15.	No. of widowers,	23
16.	No. of married members,	1041
17.	No. of foreign born,	29
18.	No. of G. A. R. members,	65
19.	No. of ministers,	3
20.	No. of physicians,	18
21.	No. of lawyers,	13
22.	No. of teachers,	7
23.	No. of literary men,	16
24.	No. of artists,	13
25.	No. of merchants,	96
26.	No. of farmers,	156
27.	No. of clerks and book-keepers,	506
28.	No. of mechanics,	740
29.	No. of printers,	59
30.	No. of students,	76
31.	No. of salesmen,	93
32.	No. of telegraph operators,	10
33.	No. of miners,	10
34.	No. of skilled laborers,	541
35.	No. of laborers,	450
36.	No. of R. R. conductors,	13
37.	No. of engineers,	27
38.	No. of musicians,	66
39.	Miscellaneous,	282
40.	No. of Camps in Division,	112
41.	No. Camps Reporting,	80

Respectfully submitted in F., C. and L.,

W. T. SOUTHER, *Division Surgeon.*

DIVISION COUNCIL.

First meeting of Division Council was held at East Boston, June 20, Col. Purbeck presiding. It was voted to purchase three regulation belts for the three elective officers, the same to be the property of the Division.

It was voted to purchase a letter press for use at Division headquarters.

The following were elected delegates to the National Encampment at Paterson. W. A. Stevens, Malden; A. W.

Batchelder, Salem; Chas. K. Darling, Fitchburg; Willard Howland, Chelsea. Delegate at Large, W. R. Davis, Cambridgeport.

Alternates, A. C. Blaisdell, Lowell; D. F. Goulding, Somerville; W. H. Phillips, Lynn; Bro. Messenger, Hopedale; H. S. Lyons, No. Adams.

It was voted to pay the railroad fares of the delegates to Paterson, also the fares of the Colonel and retiring Colonel.

Second meeting of the Division Council was held at East Boston, Aug. 12, 1889, Col. Purbeck presiding. The Colonel appointed Lt. Col. Stevens, and Past Col. Maccabe to audit the books for the quarter ending June 30. It was voted to secure a band for the parade in 1890. Col. Purbeck was instructed to hire a first class band. Past Col. Maccabe was instructed to communicate with Commander-in-chief Griffin and ascertain his ideas about the parade in Aug., 1890, and report to Division Council.

Third meeting of Division Council was held at Quincy House, Feb. 5, 1890, Col. Purbeck presiding.

Col. Purbeck reported he had been unable to secure a band for the parade in August. Lt. Col. Stevens thought he could secure one and it was left with him to get one for that occasion. The appeal of Camp 1 for outside aid was discussed. Col. Purbeck stated that by advice of the Council he had appointed Past Col. Upham, Capt. Geo. E. Hunt and H. S. Thompson, a committee to investigate and report in writing.

Lt. Col. Stevens and Past Col. Upham were appointed a committee to audit the books for the last quarter. It was voted to get as large a representation of business men, who were interested in the Sons of Veterans, as possible, at the hearing at the State House in regard to allowing the Sons of Veterans to carry arms. It was voted to pay the hotel bills of the delegates, Colonel and retiring Colonel to the National Encampment at Paterson.

Auditing Committee reported that they had found the books correct.

Fourth meeting of the Division Council was held at Gardner, June 3, Col. Purbeck presiding. Lt. Col. Stevens reported he had secured the Malden city band for Aug. 12.

Voted to recommend to the Convention that the per capita tax remain the same as last year.

That money be appropriated to purchase Col. Purbeck a Past Colonel's badge. Past Col. Upham and Lt. Col. Stevens, committee appointed to audit the books, reported that they had attended to their duties and found them correct.

By decision of Col. Purbeck, Past Col. J. J. McAndrews, Geo. C. Atkinson and Geo. B. McDavitt were refused a seat in the convention, and requested to take seats in the gallery.

Past Col. Upham made a motion to adjourn but withdrew it at the request of Past Col. Maccabe, to allow Past Captain Lyons to speak on the matter of allowing Camp 106 of Charlestown to take the name of Abraham Lincoln.

Past Col. Maccabe made a motion which was seconded, that a vote of thanks be passed Adjutant General Dalton, Representatives James Harvey, Benj. P. Pickering of Salem, H. P. Oakman of Dorchester, M. J. Mitchell of Charlestown, Thos. Alden, Duxbury, and J. W. Fairbanks, Natick, thanking them for their assistance on the bill allowing the Sons of Veterans to carry arms. Carried.

Delegate Reagan of Camp 37, Gardner, welcomed the brothers to Gardner in a few well chosen words.

Voted to adjourn to meet at 9.30 A. M. Wednesday.

JUNE 4, 1890.

Encampment opened at 9.30 A. M., Col. Purbeck in the chair.

At Roll Call the following officers were absent; Inspector Darling, Surgeon W. T. Souther, J. B. Maccabe, Division Council.

Col. Purbeck stated as a matter of information that if there were any brothers present from Camp 1, not under sus-

pension, they would, if the Encampment saw fit, be entitled to vote in the convention. No action taken.

Records of the Evening session, June 3, read and approved.

At roll call 197 delegates were present and entitled to vote.

The committee on distribution of work reported that they had properly attended to their duties.

Committee on Ritual reported as follows:

1. "That Commissioned officers salute as prescribed in U. S. A. regulation tactics." Report of committee ought to pass. Recommendations of committee adopted.

2. "That the first three items in the order of business be omitted at the option of each Camp, provided that the First Sergeant take the names of those present at each meeting before recess and credit them on the roll-book, and also report at each meeting the number of members present and absent at the previous meeting." Report of committee ought to pass. Recommendations of committee adopted.

3. "That in all cases in the Ritual where the phrase 'Veteran soldier, sailor or marine,' is used, the words 'Union veteran' be sustained." Report of committee ought to pass. Recommendations of committee adopted.

4. "That in the opening ceremonies, the Corporal of the Guard when directed to examine the Camp and Picket guard, should first approach the Captain and give him the pass word and counter-sign that the Captain may know that he has them correct. Report of committee ought to pass. Recommendations of committee adopted.

5. "On page 16 of the Ritual leave out the words 'At least once around the hall.' " Report of committee ought to pass. Recommendations of committee not adopted.

6. "On page 19 change the Sergeant of the Guard's reply 'Sir, I am fully satisfied, etc.' to 'Sir, I am.' " Report of committee ought to pass. Recommendations of committee adopted.

7. "Recommended that at the next National Encampment a committee shall be appointed, which committee shall re-write the ritual of the order; that the directions to the Sergeant of the guard be printed in their entirety; that special care be

taken to have the ritual grammatically correct. Report of committee ought not to pass. Voted to lay it upon the table to be taken up later in the day.

Committee on Resolutions reported as follows:

1. "*Resolved:* That the per capita tax remain at 12½ cents." Report of committee ought to pass. Recommendations of committee adopted.

2. "*Resolved:* That a committee of three be appointed to investigate the Sons of Veterans Benefit Association at Lowell." Report of committee ought to pass. Recommendations of committee adopted.

3. "*Resolved:* That the annual convention of the Massachusetts Division be held in May." Report of committee ought to pass. Recommendations of committee adopted.

4. "*Resolved:* That the annual convention be held in Boston as a permanent place." Report of committee ought not to pass. Recommendations of committee adopted.

5. "*Resolved:* That Warren Camp No. 106 be allowed to change their name to Abraham Lincoln." Report of committee ought not to pass. Recommendations of committee adopted.

Judge Advocate Willard Howland, in behalf of the officers and brothers of the Division, presented Col. Purbeck with a handsome solid gold watch and the wherewith to purchase a chain, to which Col. Purbeck responded in a feeling and appropriate manner. Voted to adjourn to meet again at 1.30 P. M.

Afternoon Session.

Convention called to order at 1.30 P. M., Col. Purbeck in the chair.

Motion was made by Past Col. Crossman and seconded, to change the order of business and proceed to election of officers. Not carried.

Committee on Resolutions continued their report as follows:

6. "*Resolved:* That the incoming Colonel be instructed to furnish a minute description of the regulation uniform for the

Sons of Veterans." Report of committee ought to pass. Recommendations of committee adopted.

7. "*Resolved:* That the retiring Colonel D. B. Purbeck be awarded a Past Colonel's silver cross in recognition of his faithful services." Report of committee ought to pass. Recommendations of committee adopted.

To Committee on Resolutions,

8. "*Whereas, We,* namely J. J. McAndrew, Geo. C. Atkinson, Geo. B. McDavitt, the delegates representing Camp I would ask that this committee recommend to the convention that we be allowed a voice in the raised convention." Report of committee, that the rulings of the Colonel be sustained. Recommendations of committee adopted.

To the Massachusetts Division Sons of Veterans U. S. A. in convention assembled.

9. *Whereas,* The undersigned respectfully represents that he is a resident of Lynn, Mass., and being a charter member of Gen. James A. Garfield Camp 1, S. of V. of that city, was present at the organization of Lt. Col. Charles Mudge Camp 1; also that with other members of this camp signed an application for a camp charter to be under the jurisdiction of the Mass. Division Sons of Veterans, U. S. A.

Your petitioner further represents that his name was erased from said application by the mustering officer present and endorsed, "referred to the Colonel for settlement," and that up to date the undersigned has received no official notice of any action on the matter, and now prays that such legislation be taken by this body as shall cause his name to be properly enrolled as a charter member of said Lt. Col. Charles Mudge Camp.

Respectfully presented in F., C. and L.,

EDWIN EARP Jr.

Report of committee that the petitioner have leave to withdraw. Recommendations of committee adopted.

10. "*Resolved:* That by virtue of the fact that Past Col. C. F. Sargent of Mass. Division Sons of Veterans U. S. A. has served this Division and Order in a faithful, conscientious manner during the past eight years, and that this Division has never recognized his efforts in any substantial manner."

"*Resolved:* That this Division appropriate a sum not more than nine dollars ($9.00) for the purpose of purchasing a Past Colonel's cross, and that the same be presented to Past Col. C. F. Sargent in recognition of his faithful services." Report of committee ought to pass. Recommendations adopted.

11. "*Resolved:* That Past Col. Bradford of Lowell be presented with the silver cross of the order in recognition of his service as the first colonel of this division." Report of committee ought to pass. Recommendations of committee adopted.

12. "*Resolved:* That the invitation from Camp 78 of Lowell to hold the next annual convention in Lowell ought to be accepted." Recommendations adopted.

Motion was made by Past Colonel N. C. Upham which was seconded, that the convention proceed to the election of officers. Carried.

Major L. C. Couch nominated Lieut. Colonel W. A. Stevens for Colonel.

Captain Rooney of Medford made a motion which was seconded and carried that the Adjutant be instructed to cast one ballot bearing the name of Lt. Col. W. A. Stevens for Colonel for the ensuing year. The adjutant deposited the ballot and Col. Purbeck declared him elected.

Past Captain Keough of Chelsea nominated Inspector Charles K. Darling of Fitchburg for Lieut. Colonel.

Bro. W. H. Kelley nominated J. C. Cutter of Warren for Lieut. Colonel.

Vote for Lieut. Colonel, whole number of votes cast, 187; necessary for a choice, 94; Chas. K. Darling, 151; J. C. Cutter, 33; Chas. K. Darling was declared elected by Col. Purbeck.

The following were placed in nomination for Major, G. F. Lyons, F. D. Nimblett, P. E. Nickerson, J. M. Lyon, G. F. Holt, A. W. Batchelder, E. White, H. S. Lyons, H. M. Lyons,

J. Q. A. Cushman, J. C. Cutter, W. H. Delano. First ballot for Major; whole number of ballots cast, 187; necessary for a choice, 94.

G. F. Lyon, 1; F. D. Nimblett, 1; P. E. Nickerson, 3; J. M. Lyon, 12; G. F. Holt, 6; A. W. Batchelder, 6; E. White, 12; H. S. Lyons, 29; J. Q. A. Cushman, 17; J. C. Cutter, 31; W. H. Delano, 65; H. M. Lyons, 2; Blanks, 2.

Second ballot for Major, whole number of ballots cast, 181; necessary for a choice, 93; H. M. Lyons, 30; G. F. Holt, E. White, 10; J. Q. A. Cushman, 15; J. C. Cutter, 17; W. H. Delano, 106.

Past Col. Crossman made a motion which was seconded that the election of W. H. Delano for Major be made unanimous. Carried.

Lieut. Colonel Stevens introduced Past Commander-in-chief Merrill, who was cordially welcomed by Colonel Purbeck.

Colonel Purbeck was nominated as a member of the Division Council. A motion was made and seconded that the Adjutant deposit one ballot bearing the name of Col. Purbeck as a member of the Division Council. Carried. The ballot was deposited and he was declared elected.

The following were nominated for the Division Council.

Past Col. N. C. Upham, Past Col. J. B. Maccabe, Past Captain H. S. Lyons and Past Col. H. S. Crossman.

A motion was made and seconded that the two brothers receiving the largest number of votes cast be declared elected. Carried.

The result of the ballot was that Past Col. H. S. Crossman and Past Col. N. C. Upham were declared elected.

Past Col. Upham made a motion which was seconded that a committee of three be appointed to draw up suitable resolutions on the death of Past Col. Hinckley's little child. Carried. Col. Purbeck appointed Past Colonels Upham, Crossman and Sargent on that committee.

Past Colonel Upham nominated Judge Advocate Willard Howland as delegate at large to the National Encampment.

Motion was made and seconded that the Adjutant deposit one ballot bearing the name of Willard Howland as delegate

at large to the National Encampment. Carried. The ballot was deposited and he was declared elected.

The following brothers were placed in nomination as delegates to the National Encampment.

Daniel F. Goulding, Fred M. Page, W. R. Davis, C. D. Rooney, and A. W. Batchelder. A motion was made and seconded that the four brothers receiving the largest number of votes be declared elected. Carried.

The result of the ballot was that Daniel F. Goulding, Fred M. Page, W. R. Davis and A. W. Batchelder were declared elected.

The Committee on Constitution, Rules and Regulations reported as follows.

"*Resolved:*" That veteran soldiers, sailors or marines who have been, but no longer are, members of the G. A. R. (on account of being dropped or dishonorably discharged therefrom), shall not be eligible to membership in the Sons of Veterans, U. S. A.

And if any such veteran soldiers, sailors or marines should be members of the Sons of Veterans U. S. A. on the passage of this resolution, they shall at once be suspended from membership.

Upon proper proof being given that said veteran soldiers, sailors or marines have been reinstated into full membership in the G. A. R. and upon payment of all arrears of dues up to the *date* of their suspension from the Sons of Veterans, U. S. A., they shall be at once reinstated.

Respectfully submitted,

L. C. Couch.

Report of Committee ought not to pass. Recommendation of Committee adopted.

"That the Constitution be so changed that the annual inspection be held during the fall instead of the spring as at present."

Report of Committee ought not to pass. Recommendation adopted.

A motion was made and seconded that a vote of thanks be passed members of Camp 37 of Gardner, for the excellent manner in which they had entertained the visiting brothers. Carried.

A motion was made and seconded that the proceedings of this Encampment be printed by the incoming administration within ninety days. Carried.

A motion was made and seconded that the election of alternates to the National Encampment be left with the Division Council. Carried.

A motion was made and seconded that the next Convention be held at Lowell on the third Wednesday in May, 1891, at 8 P. M. Carried.

A motion was made and seconded that a Committee of ten be appointed by the Colonel elect to assist in arranging for the Parade, Aug. 12. Carried.

Voted to proceed to the installation of officers elect for the ensuing year.

Past Commander in Chief Merrill being present, Col. Purbeck asked him to install the officers elect, which he consented to do.

Col. Stevens in the chair.

Voted to take up the matter of rewriting ritual. Committee on Ritual reported the following in place of that laid on the table at previous session.

"That a committtee of five be appointed to rewrite the ritual of the order and that this committee be and is hereby instructed to report the same to the Division Council before Aug. 1, 1890.

"That the delegates to the National Convention be instructed to use their best efforts to have the rewritten ritual if approved by the Division Council, adopted as the official ritual of the order in place of that now in use." Report of Committee adopted.

Committee to draft resolutions on the death of Past Col. Hinckley's child, reported as follows :

GARDNER, June 4, 1890.

This Encampment learns with great sorrow the loss and bereavement of Past Col. J. H. Hinckley and his family in the death of their little child and feeling our interest in his loss, it is

Resolved, that we, members of this Encampment in session at Gardner, June 4, extend our sympathy to him and his family in their affliction.

Resolved, that a copy of these resolutions be sent to his family and a copy be spread upon the records of this Encampment.

N. C. UPHAM,
H. S. CROSSMAN, } Committee.
C. F. SARGENT,

Adopted by unanimous vote.

Committee on Reports of Officers reported as follows.

We suggest that the reports of the several officers read be accepted ; that the Colonel's report be published in full ; that the portion of the report of the Inspector, advising that an exemplification of the work of the Order should be given at regular intervals in the several parts of this division should be published and that a summary of the statistics given in the reports of the other officers should be published.

J. C. CUTTER,
GEO. S. WENTWORTH,
R. B. HOWARD,
GEO. J. PORTER,
Committee on reports of officers.

It was voted to pay the railroad fares of the delegates to the National Encampment at St. Joseph, Mo.

It was voted to pay the car fare of Past Col. Purbeck to the National Encampment at St. Joseph, Mo.

A motion was made and seconded that a Committee of three be appointed to look into the standing of Past Captain Geo. N. Howard of Lowell and report at once to the Division Council. Carried. Committee appointed, Past Captain A. C. Blaisdell, Lowell ; Past Col. C. F. Sargent, Lawrence ; Past Col. N. C. Upham, Fitchburg.

It was voted that the Colonel appoint a Committee of three to look into the condition of the Sons of Veterans Benefit Association of Lowell. Committee appointed, A. W. Batchelder, Past Col. Upham and Capt. C. D. Rooney.

Past Col. Purbeck stated that the Division was without a charter, and made a motion which was seconded and carried, that the three ranking Past Colonels be appointed a Committee to look up the date and charter members.

On motion of Past Col. Purbeck and seconded, the Encampment adjourned to meet at Lowell, Wednesday, May, 20, 1891, at 8 P. M.

FRED M. PAGE, *Adjutant.*

ROSTER OF CAMPS, 1890.

No.	Name.	Location.	Meeting Night.	Captain's Name and Address.	Location of Hall.
1	Lt.-Col. Chas R. Mudge	Lynn	Friday	Geo. C. Atkinson, 15 Hanover St.	G. A. R.
2	Gen. A. A. Goodell	Worcester	Wednesday	Jas. A. Gettings, 94 Grove St.	418 Main St.
3	Capt. Richard Phillips	Marblehead	Tuesday	Willard White, Box 6	Cor. Pleasant & Wash. Sts.
4	Lt. William Palmer	Randolph	2d and 4th Thursday	Walter H. Lyons	G. A. R.
5	Maj. A. A. Powers	Hudson	Thursday	Wm. L. Wolcott, Box 585	Wood Sq.
6	John Low	Beverly	Tuesday	W. S. Hall, 25 Bartlett St.	G. A. R.
7	John B. Hanson	Danvers	Friday	Frank D. Nimblett, Box 169	G. A. R.
8	Lt.-Col. Henry Merritt	Salem	Thursday	A. H. Higgins, Box 148	G. A. R.
9	Lincoln	North Adams	Wednesday	F. H. Harriman, 22 E. Brooklyn St.	Main St.
10	J. Kendall Jenness	Haverhill	Friday	A. H. Bond, 81 Merrimac St.	14 Watter St.
11	Gen. G. A. Custer	Whitman	Friday	Frank P. Ford	G. A. R.
12	Albert Prince	Oxford	1st and 3d Friday	Allen L. Taft, No. Oxford	G. A. R., Oxford.
13	John A. Andrew	Stoughton	1st and 3rd Tuesday	Harry C. Western	Darling's Block.
14	Jonas C. Wellington	Cambridgeport	1st and 3d Wednesday	Wm. H. C. Noble, 117 Pearl St., Boston	G. A. R., Main St.
15	L. A. Tifft	Springfield	1st and 3d Thursday	Howard B. Chapin	116 Carew St.
16	Henry B. Leighton	Somerville	1st and 3d Friday	Henry Y. Gilson, 26 Boston St.	Union Sq.
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18	A. A. Sherman	Uxbridge	2d and 4th Tuesday	W. E. Chipman, Box 230	Town Hall.
19	Lt. A. L. Fuller	Clinton	2d and 4th Wednesday	Charles E. Thomas, 7 Grove St	G. A. R., Bank Block.
20	Gen. U. S. Grant	So. Boston	1st and 3d Tuesday	E. W. Weller, 1 Paige's Court	607 Dorchester Ave.
21	Col. L. D. Sargent	Lawrence	1st and 3d Thursday	David G. Farquhar, 24 Lowell St.	G. A. R.
22	Maj. T. B. Griffith	Middleboro'	Wednesday	Chas. A. Churchill	G. A. R.
23	Gen. J. F. Reynolds	Reading	1st and 3d Thursday	John W. Webster	Woburn St.
24	J. Franklin Dyer	Gloucester	Tuesday	Chas. B. Corliss, 154 Western ave	Cor. Middle & Centre Sts.
25	William A. Andrews	Essex	1st, 3d and 5th Friday	George W. Claiborne	Essex.
26	Gen. D. N. Couch	Taunton	Thursday	Fred. B. Plummer, 95 Winthrop St.	Wier St.
27	Frances L. Souther	Quincy	1st and 3d Tuesday	Chas. E. Bowker, 88 Washington St.	G. A. R., Quincy.
28	Clark S. Simonds	Fitchburg	1st and 3d Tuesday	Frank C. Hoyt, 92 Charles St.	129 Main St.

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29	Gen. G. H. Thomas	Adams	Thursday	Jos. A. Paro, Box 618	G. A. R., Collins Block.
30	Lt. Nathaniel Bowditch	Dorchester	1st and 3d Wednesday	Albert L Stiles, 33 Belden St	Harrison Sq. & Park St.
31	Admiral Winslow	Roxbury	1st and 3d Tuesday	Wm. T. Shehan, 2 Garfield Place	2389 Washington St.
32	Gen. W. S. Hancock	Webster	2d and 4th Friday	Arthur G. Pattison, Box 101	G. A. R.
33	Col. Ezra J. Trull	Charlestown	Tuesday	Fred. F. Stotz, 100 Pearl St	332 Main St.
34	Horace M. Warren	Wakefield	1st and 3rd Thursdays	E. W. Rolfe, Chestnut St	G. A. R.
35	John A. Hawes	New Bedford	Tuesday	A. L. Allen, 59 Thomas St	39 Purchase St.
36	James L. Bates	E. Weymouth	1st and 3d Friday	Minot P. Garey, Box 187	E. Weymouth.
37	Charles Sumner	Gardner	2d and 4th Friday	Rollin B. Howard, W. Gardner	Miller's Opera H'se, Pine St.
38	Col. E. E. Ellsworth	Attleboro'	1st and 3d Thursday	Wm. A. Cook, Box 268	Attleboro.
39	Nelson D. White	Winchendon	1st and 3d Tuesday	E. C. Bartlett, Box 16	Front St.
40	Gen. John Sedgwick	Turners Falls	1st and 3d Monday	H. G. Edson, Box 325	Over P. O.
41	Gen. N. P. Banks	Waltham	2d and 4th Friday	Watson Johnson, 195 Charles St	Lyman Hall.
42	William G. Scanlan	Grafton	1st and 3d Monday	Bertram D. Adams, No. Grafton	Grafton.
43	E. H. Hartshorn	Berlin	Saturday	J. E. Andrews	Berlin.
44	Gen. Wm. F. Draper	Franklin	1st and 3d Tuesday	Chas. D. Van Arsdalen, Box 253	Town Hall.
45	Charles V. Marsh	Arlington	1st and 3d Thursday	Wm. H. Kenniston	Arlington Ave.
46	Pliny Wood	Westfield	2d and 4th Thursday	Geo. H. Graves, 20 Cortes St	Cor. Elm & School Sts.
47	Col. Fletcher Webster	Canton	1st and 3d Wednesday	H. F. Williamson, Box 304	Church St.
48	George S. Bliss	Northampton	2d and 4th Friday	Levi Brooks, Jr., 55 Fort St	200 Main St.
49	Henry Wilson	Natick	2d and 4th Friday	Nelson H. Pierce, Box 230	G. A. R.
50	Howard A. Wheeler	Rockland	Thursday	John D. Carney, Howard St	Union St.
51	Calvin Cutter	Warren	2d and 4th Friday	John C. Cutter	Hitchcock Block.
52	E. A. Bennett	Leominster	2d and 4th Monday	G. A. Woodworth, Box 784	G. A. R.
53	Gen. Sheridan	Orange	Monday	A. A. Upton, Box 435	G. A. R., So. Main St.
54	Gen. S. C. Lawrence	Medford	2d and 4th Monday	C. D. Rooney, Box 610, Winchester, Mass.	G. A. R., High St.
55	Col. George D. Wells	Greenfield	1st and 3d Monday	D. E. Wonsey, Montague City	G. A. R., Bank Row.
56	Solomon S. Sleeper	Cambridge	2d and 4th Tuesday	Frank L. Pearson, 5 Ashland St., W. Somerville	905 Main St.
57	Gen. John M. Corse	No. Attleboro'	2d and 4th Friday	Thomas McAlpine	No. Attleboro.
58	J. H. Bonney	Foxboro'	1st and 3d Wednesday	Merton E. Hawes	Liberty Sq.
59	Gen. James G. Foster	S. Framingham	2d and 4th Thursday	Wm. O. Callahan, Box 801	G. A. R.
60	Gen. Geo. B. McClellan	Holyoke	2d and 4th Friday	Chas. L. Hammond, 1 Linden St	Preston's Block, High St.
61	Benj. W. Harris	E. Bridgewater	2d and 4th Thursday	Henry H Williams, Central St	G. A. R.
62	Gen. A. P. Martin	Everett	1st and 3d Tuesday	Chas. R. Hutchinson, Melrose Highl'ds	Everett Sq.
63	B. A. Bridges	Holliston	1st and 3d Wednesday	N. E. Bridges, Box 13	G. A. R., Green St.
64	Luther Hill	Spencer	2d and 4th Thursday	Frank L. Powers, Box 438	G. A. R., Main St.
65	Gen. W. T. Sherman	Athol Centre	Friday	C. W. Chapin, Athol, Box 209	Athol Centre.
66	Corp. Charles D. Force	Norwood	1st Monday	Wm. S. Bateman, Box 44, E. Walpole	Norwood.
67	Gen. George G. Meade	Abington	Tuesday	Geo. E. Hunt	Abington.
68	Capt. H. A. Hubbard	Ludlow	2d and 4th Tuesday	Oliver E. Hines, Indian Orchard	Church Vestry.
69	Charles C. Clark	Pembroke	1st and 3d Thursday	Percy Damon, Marshfield	Town Hall.
70	Gen. Charles Devens	Upton	Saturday	H. A. Corbin	Upton, Mass.
71	Joseph H. Proctor	Northboro'	1st and 3d Tuesday	Geo. H. Murray, Jr	Northboro.
72	Charles S. Meade	Hingham	2d and 4th Thursday	G. O. Henderson, Hingham Centre	Hingham Centre.
73	Gen. Joe Hooker	No. Brookfield	Friday	Charles L. Dickinson	G. A. R.
74	Roland E. Bowen	Millbury	1st Thurs. and 3d Tues.	James B. Dunn, Box 13	G. A. R.
75	Gen. Stephen M. Weld	Dedham	1st and 3d Wednesday	Geo. L. Hargrave, Wash. St., Roslindale	Dedham.
76	Lt. Frank L. Stone	Westborough	2d and 4th Tuesday	E. F. Berry	G. A. R.
77	E. R. Bosworth	Easthampton	1st and 3d Tuesday	William A. Judd, Box 111	G. A. R.
78	Farragut	Lowell	Wednesday	S. A. Pickering, 285 Middlesex St	55 Central St.
79	William Francis Barry	Melrose	1st and 3d Monday	Orange H. Cook, Box 888	514 Main St.
80	George H. Patch	Malden	1st and 3d Tuesday	W. E. Lee, Stearnes Ave	100 Pleasant St.
81	Theodore Winthrop	Chelsea	1st and 3d Wednesday	H. S. Thompson, 8 High St	G. A. R., Park St.
82	William H. Carney	Boston	Tuesday	A. A. Selden, 19 Garden St	Joy St.
83	Henry C. Holbrook	Barre	1st and 3d Tuesday	Jesse A. Rogers	G. A. R.
84	John Smith	Mansfield	2d and 4th Tuesday		Park St.
85	Col. Nath'l Shatswell	Ipswich	2d and 4th Thursday	Henry A. Pickard, Hammet St	G. A. R., So. Main St.
86	Capt. J. H. Dike	Stoneham	1st and 3d Thursday	W. G. Bartlett, Box 673	Central Sq.
87	Lt. Charles B. Warner	Peabody	1st and 3d Tuesday	Geo. H. Green, Box 88	G. A. R., Main St.
88	Charles E. Bates	Scituate	Saturday	A. A. Colburn, Egypt, Mass	Scituate Centre.
89	Joel D. Dudley	Brighton	2d and 4th Tuesday	Frederick W. Clark, Washington St	Cor. Chest. Hill Av. & Wash. St.
90	Richard Borden	Fall River	2d and 4th Monday	Frank McGraw, Jr., 100 Third St	G. A. R., Bowden Bld.
91	S. B. Bond	Ware	1st and 3d Tuesday	William N. Newcomb	Ware.
92	John P. Lovell	Saugus	Wednesday	A. A. Rhodes, 10 Main St	Saugus.
93	John Palmer	Avon	2d and 4th Wednesday	W. C. Porter	Avon.
94	F. C. Curtis	Marlboro'	2d and 4th Monday	Rufus O. Clark, D. D. S., 156 Main St	G. A. R., Town Hall Bld.

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95	Warren H. Cudworth	East Boston	1st and 3d Thursday	W. B. Whitney, 1 Belmont Sq.	140 Meridian St.
96	John F. Andrew	Boston	Wednesday	Fred E. Bolton, 23 Mt. Pleasant Ave.	1151 Wash. St.
97	Lt.-Col. Wilder Dwight	Brookline	2d and 4th Wednesday	H. R. McCausland, Davis Ave.	G. A. R., Town Hall.
98	Dahlgren	So. Boston	2d and 4th Tuesday	E. G. Priest, 79 Berkley St., Boston	Cor. E & Silver St.
99	H. S. Greenleaf	Shelburne Falls	2d and 4th Thursday	F. H. Chandler, Box 613	G. A. R.
100	J. Wiley Edmands	West Newton	2d and 4th Monday	Wm. M. Ferris, 131 Nonantum St., Newton	Good Templars' Hall, W Newton
102	Cyrus K. Miller	Westminster	1st and 3d Saturday	F. E. Miller, Box 77	G. A. R., Bacon St.
103	Arthur B. Fuller	Watertown	2d and 4th Friday	A. F. Nutting, Box 671	Mt. Auburn, cor. Main.
104	Nelson Gardner	East Marshfield	1st and 3d Saturday	F. A. Holmes	E. Marshfield.
105	G. L Thurston	Lancaster	1st and 3d Wednesday	D. J. McNamara, So. Lancaster	Lancaster.
105	Roanoke	Southbridge	1st and 3d Tuesday	E. E. Mead, Box 103	103 Main St.
106	Warren	Charlestown	Tuesday	E. G. Swift, 309 Main St	102½ Warren St.
107	Solomon Nelson	Georgetown	Monday	James R. Smith	G. A. R.
108	Gen. W. F. Bartlett	Pittsfield	1st and 3d Friday	Harry D. Sisson Jr.	4 North St.
109	Gen. Benj. F. Butler	Needham	1st and 3d Saturday	W. C. Freeman	G. A. R.
110	Ashley H. Richards	Dalton	Tuesday	F. O. Bliss	G. A. R.
111	Walter L. Raymond	Andover	1st Monday	Chas B. Jenkins	G. A. R.
112	Benjamin S. Lovell	West Acton	Saturday	Ora L. Clough	G. A. R.
113	Col. E. F. Jones	East Peperell	2d and 4th Wednesday	David E. Weston	No. 2 Engine Hall.
114	Henry Cabot Lodge	Boston	Friday	John J. Coffey Jr., 146 Leverett St.	Post 7, G. A. R.
115	Gen. Isaac Stevens	North Andover.	2d and 4th Friday	Frank J. Perkins	Bradstreet School.
116	Julius W. Munroe	Hanson	Saturday	Oscar L. Gurney	Town Hall.
117	Jos. B. Smith	Hanover	2d and 4th Monday	S. A. Luther, So. Hanover	Town Hall.
118	Elijah A. Morse	So. Easton	1st and 3d Wednesday	E. F. Maxwell, Eastondale	G. A. R. Hall.
119	R. S. Douglass	Plymouth	2d and 4th Friday	Arthur M. Harlow	G. A. R. Hall.
120	Becket	Becket	Saturday	S. K. Smith	Semmary Hall.

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